Crops		2002-03$	2003-04@
6. Oilseeds			
	Kharif	9.22	15.08
	Rabi	6.53	
	Total	15.75	
7. Cotton*		9.31	13.12
8. Jute**		9.72	10.13
9. Sugarcane		278.56	261.37

Note: No estimates have been made for Rabi crops of 2003-04 season.
$ As per the fourth Advance Estimates released on 1.7.2003
@ As per the First Advance Estimates released on 30.9.2003
* million bales of 170 kgs. each
** million bales of 180 kgs. each

Setting up of Indian Institute of Social Sciences

*276. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to set up Indian Institute of Social Sciences on the same standards as the IITs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the teaching in universities is far below the world standards; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the budgetary allocation for existing institutes of social sciences during the last five years in comparison with S&T?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to set up Indian Institute of Social Sciences on the same standards as the IITs in the country.

According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC is paying due importance on the

development of High Quality Social Sciences Capabilities as in the case of S&T. However, disparity exists in various universities in respect of appropriate academic and other support structure as well as diversity of teachers. Disparities in the standard of education in universities is attributed to a large number of critical factors including the age of the university, quality of curricula, teaching work force, evaluation techniques, resources, governance, leadership, accountability, geographical location etc.

The budget allocation in respect of the important National level Research Councils/Institute of Social Sciences, engaged in research related to Social Sciences, during the last five years is Rs. 19,306.49 lakhs. The budget allocation for IITs during the last five years, is Rs. 2,53,551.00 lakhs.

Railway crossings on National Highways

*277. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossings in different parts of the country on National Highways, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any measure to build under/over bridges on these Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) As per extant rules, Construction of Road Over/Under Bridges is undertaken in lieu of busy level crossing having Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) more than 1 lakh on Cost Sharing basis by Railways with State Govt./ Road Authorities, provided a proposal is sponsored by State Government agreeing to share the cost and also accept the other standard stipulations such as closure of Level Crossing on commissioning of Road Over/Under Bridge (ROB/RUB), advance action for land acquisition, inclusion of work in respective State Govt./Road Authority's annual plan taking up of work on approaches simultaneously etc. The number of level crossings on National Highway, No. of sanctioned works of ROB/RUBs, State-wise, are also indicated in table below. For balance level crossings eligible for replacement by ROB/RUBs as per norms, Railways are pursuing the